STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF SANTA FE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

HELIODORO ALEJANDRE, on behalf of The estates of RAMONA AND ALEJANDRE, DECEASED

Plaintiff,

Vs.

No. <u>0101002010</u>-02276

FORD MOTOR COMPANY, AND WESTERN MOTORS, INC.

Defendants.

SUMMONS

TO: Ford Motor Company
C.T. Corporation System
123 E. Marcy
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

Greetings:

This summons notifies you that a Complaint has been filed against you. You are required to file an Answer to the Complaint, or responsive motion, within THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE SUMMONS HAS BEEN SERVED ON YOU. You must file the Answer or responsive motion with the Clerk of the District Court and you must serve a copy of the Answer or responsive motion on the opposing party.

IF YOU DO NOT FILE AND SERVE AN ANSWER OR RESPONSIVE MOTION WITHIN THE THIRTY (30) DAY PERIOD, A DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT.

Street Address of Court:

Judicial Complex

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EXHIBIT A to Ford's Notice of Removal

1	Grant & Catron P. O. Box 2268 Santa Fe, NM 87504
7	Gilbert Arrazolo Arrazolo Law, P.C. 715 Tijeras NW Albuquerque, NM 87102
	W Mexico and the Seal of the District Court 2010. STEPHEN T. PACHECO District Court Cterk Deputy Clerk
STATE OF NEW MEXICO)	
COUNTY OF BERNALILLO)	
RETURN FOR COMPLETION BY SHERIFF OR DEPUTY: I certify that I served the within Summons in said County on the day of, 2009, by delivering a copy thereof, with copy of Complaint attached, in the following manner:	
RETURN FOR COMPLETION BY OTH	HER PERSON MAKING SERVICE:
a party to this lawsuit, and that I served	that I am over the age of 18 years and not the within Summons in said County on 2010, by delivering a copy thereof, with owing manner:
To receive service of process for Defenda	, an agent authorized to nt
To, (note to person authorized to receive service	ame of person),, (title)(used when Defendant is a corporation or

association subject to a suit under a common name, a land grant board of trustees, the State of New Mexico or any political subdivision.)

Fees:

Signature of Private Citizen Making Service Subscribed and sworn to before me COUNTY State of New Mexico this _____ day of ______, 2010

Sheriff Notary or Other Officer
Authorized to Administer Oaths

By:_____ Deputy

Title

ENDORSED First Judicial District Court

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PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT FOR PERSONAL INJURY

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

COMES NOW Plaintiff, individually, by and through his attorneys Gilbert Arrazolo, Arrazolo Law, P.C., and James B. Ragan, and propound the following allegations against the Defendants as follows:

PARTIES AND JURISDICTION

1. Heliodoro Alejandre is a resident of Snyder, Texas and was the husband of Ramona Alejandre and the father of

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- 2. Defendant Ford Motor Company is a foreign corporation and does business in the state of New Mexico. Ford can be served through its registered agent, C.T. Corporations systems in Santa Fe, New Mexico.
- Defendant Western Motors, Inc. is a New Mexico
 corporation and can be served with process through its
 registered agent at Maddox & Holloman, P.C., 205 E.
 Bender, Suite 150, Hobbs, New Mexico 88240.
- 4. Venue is proper in Santa Fe County given that there is no diversity of citizenship and Ford has a registered agent in Santa Fe.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

5. On July 4, 2009, the Alejandre family was involved in a single vehicle roll over on Interstate 25 in Dona Ana County, New Mexico. Mrs. Alejandre was traveling northbound in the vicinity of mile marker 12 in New Mexico when she suddenly and without warning lost control of the 2003 Ford F-250 she was driving. The seat belt failed and Mrs. Alejandre died of blunt trauma when she was partially

ejected from the vehicle. The seatbelt worn by A also failed and she was ejected through the defective backlight window and died of traumatic injuries.

FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF STRICT LIABILITY AGAINST FORD MOTOR COMPANY

- 6. Plaintiffs incorporate the allegations in paragraphs 1-5 in this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.
- 9. At all times material to this action, Ford was in the business of designing, testing, approving, manufacturing, marketing, distributing and selling motor vehicles, including the Ford F-250, for use in New Mexico and elsewhere throughout the United States.
- 10. At the time the Ford F-250 left the control of Ford, it was defective and unreasonably dangerous to a person who might reasonably expect to use it. These defects include, but are not limited to the conditions described in the following paragraphs.
- 11. As to the death of Ramona Alejandre, the Ford F-250 was defective as follows:
 - a) It was not crashworthy;

b) the seatbelt was defective in that it was not designed to prevent ejection in the event of a foreseeable rollover;

c)the driver's window was not made of laminated glass and an adequate window structure, which would have prevented a partial ejection; and

d) the driver's door latch was defective and allowed the door to open, allowing Mrs. Alejandre to be partially ejected.

- a) The seatbelt was defective in that it wasnot designed in such a way as to prevent ejection in the event of a foreseeable rollover; and
- b) The design of the rear window and frame was not made of laminated glass and ins uch a way that it would be retained in a rollover, which would have prevented her from being ejected.

The F-250 also lacked ESC, which would have made it less likely that Mrs. Alejandre would have lost control of the vehicle.

It also lacked a rollover safety canopy which would have prevented the deaths of the decedents herein.

- 12. The Ford F-250 was expected by Ford to reach, and did reach, the user or consumer without substantial change in condition in which it was sold, including the Ford F-250 that was sold to the Alejandre family.
- 13. The Alejandre family were persons who reasonably would be expected to use the Ford F-250 in such a manner that it would roll over as occurred in the accident of July 4, 2009.
- 14. It was foreseeable to Ford that the F-250 could and would be operated in such a manner that it would rollover as it occurred in the accident of July 4, 2009.
- 15. Ford is strictly liable to the estates of Ramona and A for damages resulting from their deaths on the grounds set forth above. The defects complained of caused the enhanced injury of death. Plaintiff affirms and believes that but for these defects, Ramona and A would have suffered only superficial injuries.

SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF NEGLIGENCE BY FORD

- 16. Plaintiff hereby incorporates paragraphs 1-15 as if fully set forth herein.
- 17. Plaintiff alleges that Ford was negligent in its design of the Ford F-250 seat belts, glass, door latch and occupant compartment. Plaintiff alleges that Ford had a duty to design a vehicle that was crashworthy and would not allow the occupant to be ejected during a foreseeable rollover.
- 18. Plaintiff alleges that Ford's breach of this duty was a proximate cause of the Alejandre enhanced injuries and damages to the estate.

THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF PUNITIVE DAMAGES AGAINST FORD MOTOR COMPANY

- 19. Plaintiff incorporates all allegations contained in paragraphs 1-18 as if fully set forth herein.
- 20. Ford knew at the time the Ford F-250 was placed into the stream of commerce and that it would be involved in roll over accidents. Ford also knew that the defects in the seat belts and glass would allow an occupant to be ejected in the event of a foreseeable rollover. Ford acted with reckless disregard for human safety by cutting costs at the expense of human safety.

COUNT FOUR NEGLIGENCE BY WESTERN MOTORS, INC.

- 29. Western Motors, Inc. owed Plaintiff a duty to warn that the defective seat belts and lack of laminated glass would allow an occupant to be ejected in a foreseeable rollover. Western Motors, Inc., as a car dealership, also knew or should have been aware that by 2003 vehicles should have been equipped with ESC and that lack of ESC increased the likelihood of a single car accident. Western Motors had a duty to warn Plaintiff about the dangers of purchasing a vehicle without ESC.
- 30. Western Motors knew or should have known that the Ford F-250 was a defective vehicle and the defective seat belts

- and lack of laminated glass would allow an occupant to be ejected in the event of a foreseeable rollover.
- 31. Western Motor's negligence was a proximate cause of the enhanced injury and damages suffered by the estate.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays that this Court:

- Enter judgment for Plaintiff against Defendants for compensatory damages in an amount to be proven at trial;
- 2. Enter judgment for Plaintiff's burial and incidental expenses in an amount to be specifically proven at trial;
- 3. Enter judgment for Plaintiff for loss of decedents, earnings and earning capacity in an amount to be proven at trial;
- 4. Enter judgment for Plaintiff for punitive damages against

 Defendants in an amount to be proven at trial;
- Enter judgment for the Plaintiff for costs and reasonable attorney fees associated with bringing this cause to action;
- 6. Enter judgment for the Plaintiff for pre-judgment and postjudgment interest on his award;
- 7. Enter judgment for the Plaintiff for such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

Respectfully Submitted,

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